



REPORT TO

REGULAR BOARD

## 2023-2024 EXTERNAL RESEARCH ANNUAL REPORT

*All that he does is apt for its time; but although he has given us awareness of the passage of time, we can grasp neither the beginning nor the end of what God does. Ecclesiastes 1:11*

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### INFORMATION REPORT

**Vision:** *IN GOD'S IMAGE: Growing in Knowledge, with Justice and Hope.*

**Mission:** *Nurturing the faith development and academic excellence of our Catholic learning community through the love of God, neighbour, and self.*



MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN  
2022 - 2025

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## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides the annual list of approved external research proposals and summary of findings from completed external research projects.

**The cumulative staff time required to prepare this report was 14 hours.**

## B. PURPOSE

1. Provide a list of approved external research from 2023-2024 and a summary of findings from completed external research projects, as per the policy metric in the External Research Conducted in the TCDSB Policy.

## C. BACKGROUND

1. The Research Review Committee prioritizes research that:
  - a. Demonstrates a clear alignment with TCDSB's MYSP goals without interfering with mandated internal research and data collections; and
  - b. Demonstrates a clear and pronounced benefit (i.e. value and tangible reciprocity) to students and staff without interference with instructional time, or unrealistic demands on staff time.

## D. EVIDENCE/RESEARCH/ANALYSIS

1. The following external research proposals were approved by the Research Review Committee in 2023-2024:
  - a. **Feeling Explorers: Building Emotional Resilience and Social Competence in Canadian Classrooms** - Leticia Gracia, George Hull Centre.
  - b. **2023-24 Annual Ontario School Survey** - Robin Liu Hopson, People for Education.
  - c. **The Canadian Underage Substance Abuse Prevention Trial** - Hayley Hamilton, The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.
  - d. **The Health Canada Canadian Student Alcohol and Drug Survey** - Shannon Howell, CCI Research on behalf of Health Canada.
  - e. **Evaluating Brief Digital Interventions for School-Aged Youth** - Kathy Georgiades, McMaster University.
  - f. **A pilot study to assess the feasibility of training in bystander CPR and AED use in elementary, middle and high schools across Canada** - Katherine Allan, St. Michael's Hospital.

2. Summaries of external findings from 2021-2024 can be found in ***Appendix A.***

## **E. METRICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

An annual report will be presented to the Board.

## **F. CONCLUDING STATEMENT**

This report is for the information of the Board of Trustees.